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Following is text of personal message from the President to de Gaulle, Adenauer and Macmillan. Paris and Bonn should deliver soonest though no need for Ambassadorial interview. For info London, message has been transmitted by White House ^{wire} ~~teletype~~ to Macmillan. Bruce may make copy available Foreign Office.

BEGIN TEXT.

As you will have seen from the news reports, Khrushchev agreed to remove the IL-28 bombers yesterday morning before my press conference and therefore it has not been necessary to move on at present to further pressure in the Caribbean. I have announced the lifting of the quarantine, and we expect that discussion will go forward in New York on the remaining elements of the understanding of October 27 and 28.

What is almost equally interesting is that Khrushchev's last message indicated what he expects to remove other Soviet military units which have been placed in Cuba for the purpose of defending the missile sites. We shall do our best to assist him in ~~this~~ this course. Meanwhile, our own aerial surveillance continues, although we are discussing it as little

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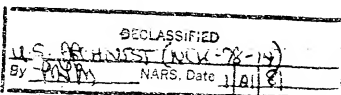
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as possible in public, in order to avoid a question which may complicate Soviet military disengagement. We shall of course continue to do whatever is necessary to keep adequately informed of the situation in Cuba.

So it appears that at this second turning point in the Cuban crisis, Khrushchev has once again chosen the safer course. In a sense, then, my alerting message of the other day has proved unnecessary. I am sure that a major element in Khrushchev's decision was his awareness that we were both serious in our own purpose and confident of the support of our Allies; so let me end by thanking you again for the clarity and firmness of your backing. END TEXT.

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